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For: PACKAGING CONTAINER FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS
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Attached are the following documents:

1. Correspondence dated September 9, 2003.
2. Copy of Transmittal Documents and an After Final Amendment filed on July 3, 2003, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PLEASE KINDLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS BY RETURN FACSIMILE.

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Dear Examiner Mohandesu:

This letter is a follow-up to my telephone conversation with you on September 9, 2003. I enclose with this letter a copy of an After Final Amendment that was filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2003, concerning the above-referenced application. I also enclose a copy of a post-card that was stamped by the US Patent and Trademark Office on July 7, 2003 acknowledging receipt of this Amendment.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or this Amendment, please contact me. Please note, that the five month time for response to the Final Office Action expires on September 11, 2003. I would appreciate contact from you by telephone as to the nature of your anticipated response to this Amendment as soon as possible, so that I could timely file a response with the USPTO.

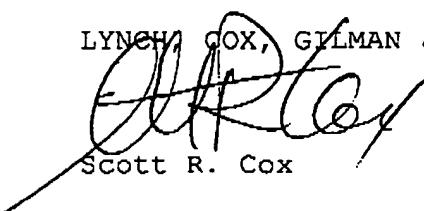
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Your assistance on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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July 3, 2003

Sir: Kindly acknowledge receipt of the below identified:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
AMENDMENT
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In re application of: Stefan O. Dick, et al.

Serial No.: 09/649,903 ✓

Filing Date: Aug. 28, 2000 ✓

Group No.: 3728 Examiner: Mohandes, Jila M. ✓

For: PACKAGING CONTAINER FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS ✓

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Respectfully Submitted,
LYNCH, COX, GILMAN & MAHAN, P.S.C.

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Practitioner's Docket No. P-1000**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of: **STEFAN O. DICK, ET AL.**Application No.: **09/649,903** Group No.: **3728**Filed: **AUG. 28, 2000** Examiner: **Mohandesni, Jila M.**For: **PACKAGING CONTAINER FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS**Confirmation No.: **7709**
**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) for this application.

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NOTE: Response to Final Rejection—Avoiding Extension Fees. "In patent applications wherein a three month Shortened Statutory Period (SSP) is set for response to a Final Rejection, the response would best be filed within two months of the date of the Office Action. If filed within two months, any Advisory Action mailed after the SSP expires will reset the SSP to expire on the date of the Advisory Action for extension fee purposes, but never more than six months from the date of the Final Rejection." Notice of Nov. 30, 1990 (1122 O.G. 571 to 591). See M.P.E.P. § 714.13, 6th ed., rev. 3.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A statement:
- is attached.
- was already filed.
- other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: As to a Supplemental Amendment filed in response to a final office action, the Notice of December 10, 1985 (1051 O.G. 34-35) states:

"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run."

3. *(check and complete (a) or (b), as applicable)*

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Fee: \$ _____

If additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE OR RATE
TOTAL * 26	MINUS ** 21	= 5	× \$9 = \$	× \$18 = \$ 90.00
INDEP. * 3	MINUS *** 4	= 0	= \$42 = \$	= \$84 = \$
□ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140 = \$
			TOTAL \$ ADDIT. FEE \$	OR TOTAL \$ 90.00

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
- *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
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WARNING: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee required is \$ 90.00

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5. Attached is a check money order in the amount of \$ 90.00

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____
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FEE DEFICIENCY

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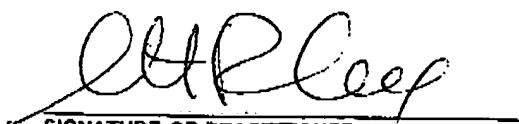
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AMENDMENT

Introductory Comments:

This is an amendment in response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated April 11, 2003. Claims 1 and 4 of the application were rejected as being unpatentable over Pakeriasamy '573 in view of Lancesseur. Claims 2-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pakeriasamy '573 and Lancesseur as applied to Claim 1 above, and further in view of Martin et al. Finally, Claims 9-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the above-cited references as applied to Claim 1 above, and further in view of Kitamura et al. The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.